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Inventor: Sunny C. Vanderbeck, et al.

Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-SITE CLUSTERING IN A
NETWORK

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- Specification, Claims and Abstract (50 Total Pages)
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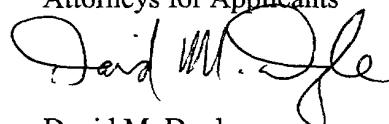
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FEE CALCULATION					FEE
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Total Claims:	56	56 -20 =	36	36X \$9=	\$ 324.00
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First Named Inventor	Sunny C. Vanderbeck, et al.
Title	System And Method For Multi-Site Clustering In A Network
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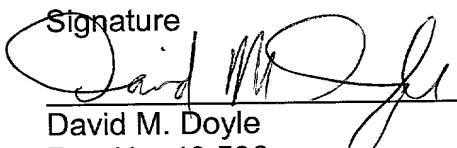
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